



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Energy, environmental protection, and economic  
3 development are essential components for growth and an improved  
4 quality of life for all citizens of this nation; and

5 WHEREAS, E85 fuel, which is motor fuel made from a blend of  
6 15% gasoline and 85% ethanol, is a renewable form of  
7 alternative transportation fuel that enhances agricultural  
8 profitability, advances environmental stewardship, and  
9 promotes national energy independence; and

10 WHEREAS, The use of E85 fuel helps reduce American  
11 dependence on foreign oil, and, because Ethanol is produced  
12 from crops grown in the United States, it can also help  
13 stabilize commodity prices; and because E85 is a viable,  
14 home-grown alternative to gasoline, E85 fuel provides  
15 competition, which is good for consumers; and

16 WHEREAS, E85 fuel has the highest oxygen content of any  
17 transportation fuel available today, making it burn cleaner  
18 than gasoline; fewer exhaust emissions result in reduced  
19 production of smog and a decline in respiratory illness  
20 associated with poor air quality; E85 fuel also reduces  
21 greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbon dioxide, the main  
22 contributor to global warming, as much as 39% to 46% compared  
23 to gasoline; and

24 WHEREAS, Flexible fuel vehicles are vehicles that are  
25 capable of operating on E85 fuel, and the use of these vehicles  
26 may be a major component in our nation's steps toward energy  
27 independence; accordingly, the United States Congress should  
28 encourage the use of these flexible fuel vehicles; therefore,  
29 be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we urge the Congress of the United States of America to pass  
3 legislation to provide federal income tax incentives for the  
4 purchase and use of flexible fuel vehicles; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6 delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the  
7 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each member  
8 of the Illinois congressional delegation.